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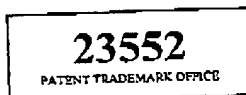
The above preliminary amendment places the claims in the same form as in the Substitute Specification and Marked-Up Copy submitted with the filing of the application, which reflected changes already made in the article 34 Amendments. Please accept the Substitute Specification and the Marked-Up copy in which no substantive changes were made to change the scope of the patent. The above preliminary amendment is made to add claims from the article 34 amendments, to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3-9, to make minor editorial changes to claims 1, 5, 9, 13, and 16, to add new claims 11, 12, 14, 18 and 19, and to add an appropriate abstract paragraph.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Gregory A. Sebald (Reg. No. 33,280), at (612) 336-4728.

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